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The reply brief and the request for oral hearing each filed on 10/29/2003 have been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences.

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